Alcock Or Olcott

(1) Mr. Olcott a resident of London, England died between August 12, and Oct 9, 1678. His wife was Margaret. Their son, Thomas (2) came to America and married Abigail-(some think her a sister of Thomas Hooker) Thomas (2) Olcott was an original proprietor of Hartford, Connecticut. His home lot, in the distribution of land in 1639 fronted on Meeting House Square. This was land he had bought of Edward Hopkins, his location being directly east of the square. This lot comprised the square fronting on Main Street, now bounded by Pearl, Trumbull, and Asylum Streets. On the Southeast corner he erected a dwelling for his own occupation, which continued in the possession of his family for many generations.

Mr. Goodwin, in his "Descendents of Thomas Olcott," page 5, says that this dwelling was demolished in 1824 to make room for the large block called Union Hall, which was, in its turn, removed when the great pile of the Connecticut Mutual building was built. He was a merchant, and carried on trade with parties in Virginia for tobacco. He was constable in 1641. He died in 1654. Hiss will is dated November, 1653. In it he mentions his beloved mother, Mrs. Margaret Charlfont; sister Mary Hardy; Mother Hoare; brother William Wadsworth; brother Will Lewis Sr., dear brethren and friends John Talcott and Edward Stebbins, overseers. Estate inventoried February 13,1654, 1,466 Pounds,8 Shillings, 5 Pence.

Mrs. Abigail Olcott carried on her husband's business after his death. She bought,let,and sold land,loaned money on mortgage security, made contracts for delivering goods. She died May 26, 1693, aged 78. The Olcott family were prominent and influential in Hartford for many generations.

(3) Samuel Olcott,son of Thomas (2) and Abigail Olcott married Sarah, daughter of George Stocking (who lived at Cambridge, Mass. and was made freeman May 6, 1635, removed to Hartford probably with the early settlers. He also was an original proprietor of Hartford, Connecticut and his name is on the list of freemen 1669, though excused from the common duty of training,watch and ward, by reason of age. He died May, 1683 at great age, leaving Samuel and three daughters, Hannah, the wife of Andrew Benton, Sarah,wife of Samuel Olcott.

Samuel Olcott died in the early part of 1704- will dated March 13,1704, exhibited April 12, 1704. No record of wife's death.

(4) Thomas, son of Samuel(3) Olcott married Hannah Barnard, daughter of Bartholomew (2) Barnard(son of Bartholomew Barnard) and Sarah Birchard (who were married October 1647. He died leaving John, Joseph, Sarah Steele, Mary Bemis and Hannah, unmarried at the date of his will in 1692. Hannah afterwards married Thomas Olcott. Bartholomew (2) was the son of Bartholomew (1) Barnard, Sr. of Boston in 1651, a carpenter, had perhaps, been a (1) dozen years before at York, and brought from ENGLAND a family- no record of any only Matthew. (Sarah Birchard was the daughter of Thomas Birchard (Bircher) (Birchwood)of Roxbury, MASS., who came in"The True Love" from London, 1635, aged 40, with wife, Mary, aged 38, and children Elizabeth, aged 13, Mary 12, Sarah 9, Susan 8, John 7, and Ann, 18 months. He was admitted freeman May 17, 1637,- by name Bircher, yet in the Custom House record at London was given the name Burchard and he wrote it Birchwood. He removed to Hartford, Connecticut where he became an original proprietor, though not a first settler. Again he removed to Saybrook, Conn., of which he was Representative, 1650-51, and died, 1684. His wife died at Roxbury, Mass, 1655. Was probably on a visit to Roxbury. Their daughter, Sarah married in 1647 at Hartford., Conn., Bartholomew Barnard.)

(4) Thomas Olcott married Hannah Barnard, November 11, 1695. Thomas (4) died latter part of 1712. His will dated December 1, 1712, exhibited December 15, 1712. Mrs. Hannah Olcott died July 15, 1755, aged 99.

(5) Thomas, of New Hartford, son of Thomas(4) and Hannah Olcott was baptized August 15, 1697. He married Elizabeth Ashley(born Sept. 29, 1708) a daughter of Johnathan (3) and Elizabeth(Olcott) Ashley. (Johnathan Ashley was the son of Johnathan(2) Ashley, (Born February 25, 1646) and wife Sarah Wadsworth, daughter of William Wadsworth of Hartford. Johnathan (2) Ashley was son of Robert (1) Ashley and wige Pynchon.)
(William Wadsworth came to Cambridge, Mass. in 1632 in "The Lyon" from London, England. He arrived September 16, 1632. He was made freemanNovember 6, 1632. Removed to Hartford. He married his second wife, Elizabeth Stone, July 2, 1644. Their daughter, Sarah, was born, March 17, 1650, and married Johnathan (2) Ashley, November 10, 1669.)

(6) Thomas Olcott, Jr. of New Hartford, Conn. born about 1722, son of Thomas(5) Olcott and wife Elizabeth Ashley of New Hartford, married Phoebe Humphrey ~~of New Hartford~~ December 18, 1760. Thomas Olcott, Jr., died early in 1788 aged 66. His wife, Phoebe, died towards the close of 1814. aged 71, in Canton, Conn. (Thomas Olcott, Jr. of New Hartford served in the Revolutionary War. He was a private in the Lexington Alarm. "Captain Seth Smith, page 17, Record of Connecticut men in War of Revolution.")

(7) Phineas Olcott, their son, born 1775 (Strong Genealogy) married Theodosia Strong(widow of Thomas Arthur) saughter of Asahel Strong,Jr. and Martha Barber,his wife. (Asahel Strong Jr. served in the war of the Revolution-reference,National No.21464 Lineage Book of Members of D.A.R.-Page 222 Rev. Samuel Orcutt's History of Torrington, Connecticut.)

Asahel Strong Sr. was appointed one of a committee to "Provide clothing for our quota in Revolutionary War" page 230 and 236 Rev. Samuel Orcutt's History of Torrington,Connecticut. He also was conductor of teams. He was too old and feeble to fight but took active part at home in helping to establish American Independence.)

Phineas Olcutt had by his wife Theodosia Strong, (8) Mary Foote Olcutt born November 2, 1819, who married Joseph Reynolds. Children were Charles J. Reynolds, Juliette Reynolds and Eloise Reynolds. Charles married Kate Spaulding. Eloise married Rev. Edwin S. Small, Baptist minister of Portland, Maine. Juliette married Ransel Newcombe Whitney of Keene, New Hampshire. Children of Juliette's marriage are Eloise Whitney(married Clark C. Wortley, Ernest Reynolds Whitney, married Jennie Wiehe & Marie Whitney, married Dr. Caryl Potter of St. Joseph, Missouri.